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In response re: Northern Pass

Northern Pass and **all** transmission lines throughout all of New Hampshire should be underground, whatever the cost or inconvenience to the utility or utilities, and removed as an issue from the political spectrum. This should be New Hampshire DOE and DES policy instituted for **all** above-ground utility transmission lines and cables, for energy and all types of communication. It is sound NH and US public environmental, energy, and public works and employment policy now, and into all infrastructure plans for the immediate and distant future.

This is an ideal time, reason, and opportunity to institute this important environmental policy through leadership by the NH Governor, Commissioners of DES and DOE, and the US House and Senate.

Land for underground transmissions can be obtained by public domain acquisition for a long-term lease to the utility, and the expense and consequent land restoration and maintenance of acquired land charged to and entirely paid for by the private utility, to no public expense.

As planned, Northern Pass and all other above-ground transmission lines benefit only the private utility and degrade the New Hampshire environment, with no benefit to New Hampshire citizens of the energy and communications transmitted by these above-ground lines through and within New Hampshire, especially when these vital and vulnerable infrastructures are inevitably and recurrently overwhelmed by the whims of Nature.

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